

# Valley Air News

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## Valley air director plans retirement

After 14 years of leading the largest air district in the nation, Air Pollution Control Officer and Executive Director David L. Crow has announced his impending retirement.

Crow, 57, plans to leave his position at the head of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District in February. The District expects to begin the recruitment process for his successor in January.

“The most rewarding thing about the past 14 years here has been the positive way in which Valley residents, business and industry have interacted with the District’s governing board in addressing air-quality issues,” Crow said.

“The public has supported not only the District’s role in improving air quality, but I think we’ve been a catalyst for a good discussion of quality-of-

life issues such as land use and transportation.”

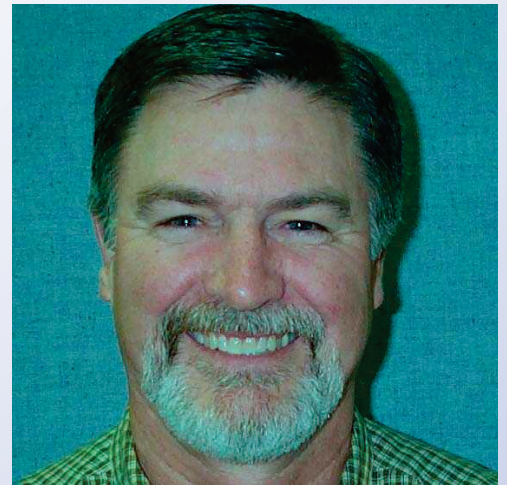
“All of that is a tribute to the Governing Board’s common-sense, open, democratic approach to listening to all interests in the Valley.”

Since Crow assumed leadership of the District, which covers the nation’s largest air basin of 25,000 square miles and eight counties, he has overseen the passage of more than 500 rules or rule amendments. These rules and amendments have cut stationary source emissions by half and have led to pioneering control standards on previously unregulated emission sources.

Crow came to the District as a seasoned public servant after serving

as acting city manager for Foster City in the Bay Area. He also served as budget director and director of policy development for Fresno County and worked for the Council of Governments in

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Sacramento. He earned a B.S. in Public Administration at California State University, Fullerton, where he pursued graduate studies.

He accepted the mission to lead the District when the challenge of improving the Valley’s air was indeed daunting. Regularly ranked among the worst in the nation for summertime smog and wintertime particulate pollution, the Valley air basin is now poised on the brink of achieving attainment for the federal health standard for particulate pollution of 10 microns or less (PM10). This feat can be attributed in part to the regulation of residential wood burning, the first regulation of this type in the state. The air basin has also shown progress in reducing ozone exceedances.

Seyed Sadredin, the District’s Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, also noted Crow’s ability to cultivate a culture of cooperation, both within and outside the District.

“His tremendous legacy leaves the District well-positioned to take on the unprecedented challenges that lay ahead,” he said.

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